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SUBJECT MEETING ON NARCOTICS WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY

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1. AS PART OF EMBASSY CAMPAIGN TO STIMULATE MORE EFFECTIVE GOP EFFORTS IN NARCOTICS FIELD, DCM AND NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER CALLED UPON SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, CHAUDHRY FAZLE HAQUE, OCTOBER 15 TO EXPRESS US CONCERNS OVER PAK NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. DCM COVERED ALL POINTS IN REFTEL AND MADE SPECIAL POINT THAT THIS WAS NOT COMPLAINT AGAINST CHAIRMAN, PNCB, WITH WHOM USG ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONSHIP, BUT RATHER A QUESTION WHETHER CHAIRMAN, PNCB, WITH HIS BROAD COORDINATING ROLE, HAD RECEIVED NECESSARY SUPPORT FROM OTHER GOP AGENCIES.

2. HAQUE FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT AS PNCB WAS SEMI-AUTONOMOUS, HE HAD NOT BECOME INVOLVED WITH NARCOTICS EXCEPT ON LIMITED OCCASIONS WHEN CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE. HQUE WAS CONCERNED OVER FACT THAT REPORTS ON FIU'S AND ON CROP LICENSING PLANS HAD NOT BEEN FORWARDED WHEN PROMISED AND PLANNED TO SEE THAT THESE PROMISES WERE KEPT. (SEPTTEL REPORTS ON INADEQUATE FIU REPORT RECEIVED

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THAT SAME AFTERNOON.) HAQUE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WAS

GENERALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE NARCOTICS LEGISLATION WHICH HE BELIEVED WOULD BE ACTED UPON BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIS WINTER. IN A CYNICAL TONE, HE SAID THAT THE LEGISLATION HAD BEEN READY FOR THE SUMMER NA SESSIONS BUT THAT ASSEMBLY MEMBERS HAD BEEN TOO BUSY WITH MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS.

3. HAQUE SAID THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH THE CHAIRMAN, PNCB, UPON THE LATTER'S RETURN TO PAKISTAN TO DISCUSS ALL THE ITEMS RAISED. HE WOULD LATER LIKE TO MEET JOINTLY WITH PNCB CHAIRMAN AND DEA, SAIC, TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE IN ENFORCEMENT. HAQUE AGREED TO INCLUDE DCM OR NCO IN THAT MEETING.

4. HAQUE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BASIS FOR US INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND SITUATION IN PAKISTAN. DCM EXPLAINED TWO US CONCERNS. DOMESTIC ABUSE IS SERIOUS DIRECT PROBLEM AND ALSO MAJOR CAUSE OF OTHER CRIME WHEN ADDICTS MUST SUPPORT VERY EXPENSIVE HABIT. REASON FOR STRONG CONCERN ABOUT SITUATION IN PAKISTAN IS THAT THIS AREA IS POTENTIAL MAJOR SOURCE OF NARCOTICS FLOWING TO US AS CONTROL MEASURES IN MEXICO BECOMING MORE EFFECTIVE. HAQUE SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY SENT A MEMO TO PRIMIN STATING HIS BELIEF THAT PAKISTAN HAD A GROWING ABUSE PROBLEM AMONG YOUTH IN UNIVERSITIES. EMBASSY HAS SENT HAQUE PRINTED MATERIAL ON US DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS AND MEASURES WE ARE TAKING TO CONTROL PROBLEM, UNDER COVER OF A THANK-YOU NOTE.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES MEETING WITH HAQUE WAS USEFUL IN SENSITIZING A SENIOR GOP OFFICIAL TO OUR CONCERNS ON NARCOTICS. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON HAQUE'S SUGGESTION FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS IN AN EFFORT TO CONVERT HIS INTEREST INTO SOME GENUINE HELP IN IMPROVING PNCB'S PERFORMANCE.  
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